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UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Noboru TAKACHIO, Katsumi IWATSUKI, and Hitoshi OBARA for NODE APPARATUS, OPTICAL WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING NETWORK, AND SYSTEM SWITCHING METHOD.

☐ Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

☒ 28 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s);

☒ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☒ hereby made to 2000-043293 and 2000-240232 filed in Japan on February 21, 2000 and August 8, 2000, respectively;

☒ in the declaration;

☐ a certified copy of the priority document;

☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;

☒ an Assignment document;

☒ an Information Disclosure Statement;

☐ a bibliographic data entry sheet; and

☐ Other: _____

☒ An ☒ executed ☐ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)

☒ also is enclosed ☐ will follow.

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to 2000-043293 and 2000-240232 filed in Japan on February 21, 2000 and August 8, 2000.; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application is a continuation of International Application No. filed on , which designates the United States.--



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☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☒ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	53	MINUS 20 =	33	× \$18.00 (103) =	594.00
Independent Claims	26	MINUS 3 =	23	× \$80.00 (102) =	1,840.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					0.00
Total Application Fee					3144.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$ if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					3,184.00

☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 3,184.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

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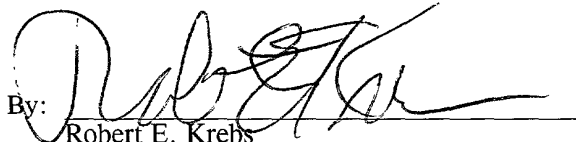
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